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carrying on war, I can barely get into the saddle, and need two years" rest.

6th. The negotiations are at a standstill; the Austrians ask for too much. In twelve days we shall be in the field.

10th, At last the peaee negotiations look like coming to a head. To-night peace will be signed, or the negotiations will be broken off.

Then a war with England will open for us a wider, more essential, more splendid field of opportunity. The English nation *in* worthier than the Venetian, and its liberation will forever consolidate the liberty and the happiness of 'France; or if we can compel the government to make peace, the advantages which we shall secure for our commerce all over the world will mark a great step in the consolidation of lilxsrty and national prosperity. As for me, there in nothing left but to return from whence I came, to take up the plough of Cincinnati.^ and to set the example of olxnlienee to the lawn and of aversion from military rule, which hai destroyed MO many republics.

16th, Campo Formio:

Count Cobenzl and I met for our concluding session in a mom where, according to Austrian custom, a dais had been installed with a chair of state representing that of the Austrian Emperor. On entering I asked what this meant, and (on being told), I said to tha Austrian minister: Come, before **we** begin, you had better have that chair taken away* because I have never yet seen a chair set higher than others without immediately wanting to